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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FRASER MEETS UNDP ADMINISTRATOR

PETERSON RE PROPOSED HAVANA MEETING

CONG. FRASER AND JOHN HAUGH CALLED ON UNDP ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON TO DISCUSS CUBAN INVITATION TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN CONTEXT OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN CONGRESS ARISING FROM YESTERDAY'S ANTI-ZIONISM VOTE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR I.G. PATEL ALSO PARTICIPATED IN MEETING. PETERSON AND PATEL SAID THERE APPEARED NO LIKELIHOOD CUBANS WOULD RESCIND INVITATION, BUT THAT IF THERE IS SOME U.S. CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH CUBA, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE HAVANA MEETING UNTIL JANUARY 1977 IN LIGHT OF APPARENT DESIRE OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO AVOID MAJOR CONFRONTATION OVER THIS ISSUE DURING PERIOD OF EFFORT TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS. PETERSON CONSIDERS JUNE 1976 TO BE PARTICULARLY INOPPORTUNE FOR HAVANA MEETING OF GOVERNING COUNCIL BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND U.S. PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AT THAT TIME. HE SAID IF GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 1976 MEETING HELD IN GENEVA AS DESIRED BY UN SECRETARIAT, THEN HAVANA JUNE MEETING MIGHT BE AVOIDED ON GROUNDS THAT GC SHOULD NOT HOLD BOTH 1976 MEETINGS AWAY FROM NEW YORK.

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ASKED WHETHER CUBA WOULD LIKELY ISSUE ENOUGH VISAS

TO ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, PETERSON ASSUMED CUBA
WOULD NOT EXTEND INVITATION UNLESS IT INTENDED TO ALLOW
ALL DELEGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY. PATEL SAID HE WOULD
INQUIRE AS TO WHAT UN REQUIREMENTS EXIST FOR HOST COUNTRIES
IN THIS REGARD.
PETERSON EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL
CUTS IN UNDP FUNDING IN RESPONSE TO ANTI-ZIONISM VOTE.
AS FIRST "SIGN OF TROUBLE", HE POINTED TO SENATOR BYRD'S AMEND-
MENT LIMITING UN VOLUNTARY FUNDING AUTHORIZATION TO ONE YEAR.

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